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CENTRAL FAX CENTERAmendments to the Claims:

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Claims 1 to 7, 12 and 13 are cancelled and claim 8 is amended as set forth hereinafter.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1 to 7 (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) The attachment pin arrangement of claim 1, wherein An attachment pin arrangement for attaching an exhaust-gas muffler to an apparatus part of a portable handheld work apparatus driven by an internal combustion engine, the exhaust-gas muffler being provided for directing away the exhaust gases of the engine and to attenuate noise, the attachment pin arrangement comprising:

an attachment pin extending between said apparatus part and said exhaust-gas muffler;

the attachment pin having a threaded section and being threadably engaged with said apparatus part;

said attachment pin including at least a partially exposed region, said region being disposed between said apparatus part and said exhaust-gas muffler and said region defining a cooling surface for conducting away at least a part of the heat which is introduced from the exhaust-gas muffler into the attachment pin

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via radiation and/or convection;

said muffler [[has]] having a holding flange and said attachment pin engages engaging said muffler at said holding flange; and,

said attachment pin arrangement further comprises: including a holding nut threadably engaging said attachment pin and a heat insulating spacer mounted between said holding flange and said holding nut.

9. (Original) The attachment pin arrangement of claim 8, wherein said spacer is configured as a support washer.

10. (Original) The attachment pin arrangement of claim 9, wherein said support washer is made of titanium.

11. (Original) The attachment pin arrangement of claim 9, wherein said support washer is made of a heat resistant duroplast.

Claims 12 and 13 (Cancelled).